



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board

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MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Members Present: Pat Fitzgibbons – Chair, Curtis Alexander, Vice-Chair, Michael McGroarty, George Togliatti, Becky Grismanauskas

Members absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Board members, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services representatives introduced themselves.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

The agenda for March 31, 2011 was approved.

The minutes for February 28, 2011 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Becky Grismanauskas thanked the community for the effort put forward in trying to keep NDF on the mountain. Becky Grismanauskas, Tom Padden and Sharon Brown testified last week at the video conference.

Mrs. Martin stated she got a disturbing letter from Leo Drozdoff, stating to stop complaining and get ready for NDF to leave the mountain. Becky Grismanauskas stated she got the same letter. Becky feels

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like they are trying to brow beat us and NDF was shocked that the residents of Mt. Charleston are fighting the closure. All residents need to keep sending letters and emails.

Tom Padden stated the next step is to ask questions, demand answers, and details.

Becky Grismanauskas said state senators were questioning Pete Anderson. The senators know what's going on and they have the same concerns.

Tara Christiansen, Scott Hammond's assistant, stated that Scott Hammond is very concerned and trying to get more information. He also wants to see what plan they have.

Chris Munhall spoke about SB232 stating that it carves out 4 parcels from the SMNRA zoning restrictions. Commissioner Brown testified that the County has no interest in managing the 5 acres and it doesn't fit into the County's program. The County is trying to possibly trade the 5 acres for the land under Camp Lee with the Forest Service. The other 3 parcels are owned by Ski Lee and are down by Lady of the Snow. They are looking to put restrooms and parking and possibly a shuttle service to the resort.

Stephanie Myers stated we don't want casinos up here and SB 352 in 2009 called for no more commercial. As it stands if this gets carved out then it can become commercial. The community doesn't want the County's five acres sold for commercial. The community wants SB 352 to have an amendment to state it is ok for the ski resort to use and manage for snow play but not to ever go commercial to a hotel or casino or something of that nature.

Pat Fitzgibbons stated that an amendment will define what can and can't be done.

Tom Thomas from the ski resort wants 4 parcels for snow activities and put in restrooms and possibly put in a lift for tubers and parking lots.

Stephanie Myers stated we need to monitor carefully so we have no awful commercial business. And we are for the snow activities.

Tom Padden stated we need to make sure the amendment is very specific with no loopholes.

Stephanie Myers talked about SB226. Within city limits they want to ban trapping and have IDs on all traps. 15 years ago we were able to identify traps by ID but now we no longer can. We want an amendment. Traps should be 1,000 feet from trails, roads, and campgrounds. If anyone is interested in helping, let Stephanie Myers know, she needs help.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Nevada Fire Safe Council – Kim Otero reported there is going to be a cleanup of the downed trees. Residents need to pick up limbs and take to side of the road. NFSC will be bringing a chipper thru the neighborhoods. Forestry will be coming thru to let residents know what trees need to be removed. Pine needle pickup will be June 4, 2011. There will be a pizza party for the kids from Westcare and the community will have a BBQ at the VDF. There will be a 50/50 raffle, they will be selling resident stickers, and handing out radios to residents that don't have them.

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Visitors Impact Task Force – Becky Grismanauskas reported they have more emergency radio to hand out to residents that don't have one.

Nevada Division of Forestry – Jorge Gonzales reported they lost 2 captains. The seasonal program will start the 2nd week of May. The budget for the NDF station was approved by County Commissioners for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Lady of the Snow, Side slope and Camp Stemson controlled burns will be in the fall.

United States Forest Service – Judy Suing reported they have been busy with their construction projects.

Archery range- restoration and re-contouring of the road has started and the crews are working on the parking lot. A gate will be installed. It will be locked and residents of Camp Stemson, and Forestry will have a key. It will also be used for overflow parking.

Cathedral Picnic renovation- migratory birds and owls are in the area and the renovation will be put off til August and take 2 seasons. Forestry will be adding more picnic sites and more parking and will be fee based. There will be a separate free parking for trail heads only.

Pile burning – they made good progress. They will be burning in Rainbow til the end of April.

Upper Kyle project – Mary Jane Falls parking is going to be consolidated and open year round. It will not be shut down to equestrian parking.

Linda Flemming asked what about RV's and overnight parking? Judy Suing answered Old Ski Tow will not be dispersed camping anymore and the equestrian parking is going to be gated and coded. The entire parking lot is going to be 3 acres.

Stephanie Myers asked how much time left on the American Land & Leisure contract, and when is Forestry going to put in restrooms in Lee Meadow. Judy Suing answered she is not sure and will look into it. Ski Lee wants to take over Foxtail for snow play. The restroom issue is very tricky because the County owns the 5 acres there. Forestry has put in culverts and foot bridges.

Curtis Alexander asked who the overflow parking for at the archery range is. Judy Suing answered it will be for RV's and day use along with LDS Camp Stemson.

Mike McGroarty asked how much time is left on the Mt. Charleston trail rides business contract, do they have liability insurance and is the well still available for fighting fires. Judy answered they should have insurance on record and will look into how much time they have left. The site was inspected a few weeks ago and will let us know what the report says.

Sgt. Fricker asked how many parking spaces are going in at Upper Kyle and is it going to be managed, if not he will manage by shutting it down when the car count reaches 66. Is there going to be designated snow play area.

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Meeting Location: Mt. Charleston Library 1252 Aspen Avenue Mt. Charleston, Nevada 89124

Judy answered 66 spaces. If they accommodate 2 or 3 horse trailers, then that will decrease the number of parking spaces for cars. It will not be managed. Forestry LEOs will be overseeing. It will not be a designated snow play area but Forestry will not stop snow play.

Jorge Gonzalez asked if he could get a review of plans for NDF access. This is going to be a nightmare. The problems are going to be they can't get from SR157 to parking lot, especially in the winter. Sgt. Fricker asked if the public agencies could be included in the planning. He thinks Forestry is trading 1 problem for another. Mike Johnson asked if Forestry would please bring the engineers to the next meeting.

Clark County Fire Dept. – Mike Johnson reported last Thursday at the video conference the Assistant County Manager gave his presentation on keeping NDF on the mountain. Mike feels it was a good and accurate presentation. CCF- EMT1 class is happening right now. Basic fire training starts on April 16th for structural fires. Wild land fire classes just finished. In April there will be special equipment training.

Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. – Michelle French stated that there will be a fundraiser dinner on May 6 for the VDF at the Mt. Charleston Lodge and tickets are on sale. Resident stickers and raffle tickets are also on sale.

Las Vegas Valley Water District – Jordan Bunker reported that the metered rate structure was approved on March 15th and will not go into effect until November 2011. Residents can go to the Water District web site and put their consumption into the calculator and it will tell them what their bill will be. Wells are overly high. Echo 3, historically at this time is 90 feet below surface, currently is only 26 feet below the surface.

Clark County Administrative Services – Chris Munhall reported that the business cards are in and we are now digitally recording the meetings and the recordings will be posted on the County website.

AB400 states that the TAB members will need to be elected and the county is opposing the bill. It would cost the County money if this happens.

SB396, Mt. Charleston license plate fund, Commissioner Brown asked State Lands if they would consider holding off on awarding grants from Round 3 until after legislation is over.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. – Sgt. Eric Fricker reported there were 2 serious crimes. There was a burglary on Ski Trail; they were driving a white 4 door super duty with temporary tags. It was a white male and a Hispanic female with gang tattoos and short black hair. The other crime is there has been mail theft; they were driving an old faded blue or grayish white conversion van, also a Hispanic female with short black hair.

Nevada Highway Patrol – No report.

Nevada Division of Transportation - No report.

Other Agencies – No report.

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TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Roads – No report

Public Response – No report

Kyle Canyon Water District – No report

Fire Protection District – No report

License Plate – Pat Fitzgibbons reported that the License Plate fund granted \$68,000 to the Mt. Charleston VDF for new equipment.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

Set Next Meeting Date. There is no Special Call meeting scheduled. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, April 28, 2011.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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